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For : TOROIDAL-TYPE CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION  
: AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING TORQUE TRANSMITTING  
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